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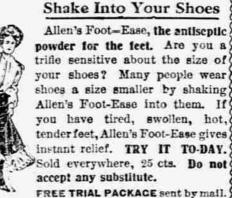
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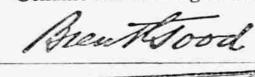


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### SYNOPSIS.

The scene at the opening of the story is laid in the library of an old worn-out southern plantation, known as the Barony. The place is to be sold, and its history and that of the owners, the Quintards, is the subject of discussion by Jonathan Crenshaw, a business man, a stranger known as Bladen, and Bob Yancy, a farmer, when Hannibal Wayne Hazard, a mysterious child of the old Southern family, makes his appearance. Yancy tells how he adopted the boy.

CHAPTER III. (Continued). The next day Yancy had occasion to visit Balaam's Cross Roads. Crenshaw gave him a disquieting opinion as to the probable contents of his letter, for he himself had heard from Bladen that he had decided to assume the care of the boy.

"I reckon Bladen will have the law on his side, Bob!"

fair on mine. I don't wish fo' better an impending tragedy leaped up within hira, and the miles were many that lay between him and the Hill.

As he breasted the slope he came within sight of a little group in his own dooryard. Saving only Uncle Sammy Bellamy, the group resolved itself into the women and children of the Hill, but there was one small figure he missed. The patriarch hurried toward him, leaning on his cane. | showing signs of embarrassment. "They've took your nevvy, Bob!" he

cried, in a high, thin voice.

"Hit were Dave Blount. Get your | rington began: gun, Bob, and go after him-kill the miserable sneaking cuss!" cried Uncle Sammy. "By the Fayetteville Road, Bob, not ten minutes ago-you can cut him off at Ox Road forks!"

Yancy breathed a sigh of relief. A rifle was placed in Yancy's hands. "Thank you-all kindly," said Yancy, and turning away he struck off

through the pine woods. A brisk walk of twenty minutes brought him to the Ox Road forks. ently the buggy hove in sight. As the of Scratch Hill, charged with having Yancy I'd recommend him to go home buggy came nearer he recognized his inflicted the bruises and contusions

light.

"Yes, it's Uncle Bob. You can light eating or sleeping, or at rest. down, Nevvy." "Leggo them horses!" said Mr.

Blount. "Light down, Nevvy," said Yancy,

still pleasantly. Hannibal instantly availed himself of the invitation. At the same mo-

ment Blount struck at Yancy with his whip, and his horses reared wildly, thinking the blow meant for them. Seeing that the boy had reached the ground in safety, Yancy relaxed his hold on the team, which instantly plunged forward. Then as the buggy swept past him he made a grab at Blount and dragged him out over the wheels into the road, where he proceeded to fetch Mr. Blount a smack in the jaw. Then with a final skilful kick he sent Mr. Blount sprawling. "Don't let me catch you arour these diggings again, Dave Bloum, or I swear to God I'll be the death of you!"

pine woods in triumph on his Uncle Bob's mighty shoulders.

## CHAPTER IV.

Law at Balaam's Cross Roads.

But Mr. Yancy was only at the beginning of his trouble. Three days later there appeared on the borders of Scratch Hill a gentleman armed with a rifle. It was Charley Balaam, old Squire Balaam's nephew.

"Can I see you friendly, Bob Yancy?" Balaam demanded with the lungs of a stentor, sheltering himself behind the thick bole of a sweetgum, you and Bob Yancy?" demanded the for he observed that Yancy held his rifle in the crook of his arm.

if you are friendly," said Yancy. "I'm a-going to trust you, Bob," said Balaam. And forsaking the shelter

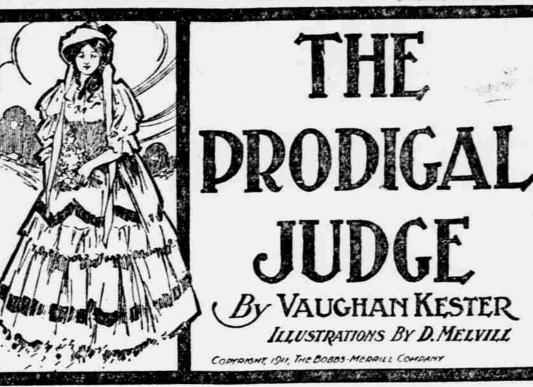
of the sweetgum he shuffled up the it to Bob Yancy-" Yancy, as they shook hands.

been warranted-Dave Blount swore hit on to you." He displayed a sheet of paper covered with much writing

and decorated with a large seal. "Read it." he said mildly. Balaum scratched his head. "I don't know that hit's my duty to

It on to you." At this juncture Uncle Sammy's bent form emerged from the path that led off through the woods in the direction of the Bellamy cabin. With

the patriarch was a stranger.



the name both Yancy and Balaam manifested interest. They saw a man in the early twenties, clean-limbed and broad-shouldered, with a hand- here order from the co't, Bob?" some face and shapely head. "Yes, ton that used to own the grist-mill down, and then I snaked Dave Blount down at the Forks."

"Where you located at, Mr. Carrington?" asked Yancy. But Carrington was not given a chance to reply. Uncle Sammy saved him the trouble.

"Back in Kentucky. He takes rafts he comes back on ships to Baltimore, or else he hoofs it no'th overland. He wants to visit the Forks," he added.

"I'm shortly goin' that way myself, "The law be damned-I got what's Mr. Carrington, and I'll be pleased of your company-but first I got to get than that," exclaimed Yancy, over his through with Bob Yancy," said Bashoulder. He strode from the store laam, and again he produced the warand started down the sandy road at a rant. "If agreeable to you, Bob, I'll other hand, he knowed of this order brisk run. Miserable forebodings of ask Uncle Sammy to read this here from the co't, he was not only guilty warrant."

Yancy?" cried Uncle Sammy.

"Dave Blount has." "I knowed hit-I knowed he'd try you, Bob?"

"Read hit," said Balaam. "Why sho'-can't you read plain writin', Uncle Sammy?" for the patriarch was

said Carrington pleasantly. After a ficious with its orders. This part of you'd specially recommend?" lifting "Who's took him?" asked Yancy moment's scrutiny of the paper that the county won't take nothin' off Balaam had thrust in his hand, Car-

> "To the Sheriff of the County of Cumberland: Greetings:

"Whereas, It is alleged that a murderous assault has been committed on its hands and took comfort. one David Blount, of Fayetteville, by Robert Yancy, of Scratch Hill, said | co't than this, Uncle Sammy," ex-Blount sustaining numerous bruises plained the squire indulgently. and contusions, to his great injury of body and mind; and, whereas, it is patriarch. "I've seen hit's steeple." further alleged that said murderous assault was wholly unprovoked and asked the squire deferentially. without cause, you will forthwith take He had not long to wait, for pres- into custody the person of said Yancy, this here case is goin' again Bob ancient enemy in the person of the herein set forth in the complaint of man who sat at Hannibal's side, and said Blount, and instantly bring him stepping into the road seized the into our presence to answer to these horses by their bits. At sight of him and several crimes and misdemean-Hannibal shrieked his name in de- ors. You are empowered to seize said Yancy wherever he may be at; wheth-"Uncle Bob-Uncle Bob-" he cried. er on the hillside or in the valley, Blount's folks air strangers. Conse-

DE LANCY BALAAM, Magistrate. "Fourth District, County of Cumberland, State of North Carolina. Done this twenty-fourth day of May, 1835.

"P. S .- Dear Bob: Dave Blount says he ain't able to chew his meat. thought you'd be glad to know." Smilingly Carrington folded the

warrant and handed it to Yancy. "Well, what are you goin' to do about hit, Bob?" inquired Balaam. "Maybe I'd ought to go. I'd like

to oblige the squire," said Yancy. "Suppose I come to the Cross

Roads this evening?" "That's agreeable," said the deputy, who presently departed in company with Carrington.

Some hours later the male population of Scratch Hill, with a gravity befitting the occasion, prepared itself to descend on the Cross Roads and give its support to Mr. Yancy in his hour of need. Even Uncle Sammy, Hannibal rode home through the who had not been off the Hill in years, announced that no consideration of fatigue would keep him away from the scene of action, and Yancy loaned him his mule and cart for the occasion. Yancy led the straggling procession, with the boy trotting by his side, his little sunburned fist

clasped in the man's great hand. The squire's court held its infrequent sittings in the best room of the Balaam homestead, a double cabin of hewn logs. Here Scratch Hill was gratified with a view of Mr. Blount's battered visage.

"What's all this here fuss between squire when he had administered the eath to Blount. Mr. Blount's state-"I reckon you can, Charley Balaam, ment was brief and very much to the point.

"He done give me the order from the judge of the co't-I was to show

"Got that order?" demanded the "How are you, Charley?" asked squire sharply. With a smile, damaged, but clearly a smile, Blount pro-"Only just tolerable, Bob. You've duced the order. "Hmm-app'inted guardeen of the boy-" the squire was more than one pair of eyes were turned pityingly in Yancy's direction. When the long arm of the law

squire. "I showed Yancy the order-" you shake hands with Bruce Carring would have made no difference, should fall on the plaintiff."

ton," commanded Uncle Sammy. At squire. He'd have taken his licking | just the same and I'd have had my nevvy out of that buggy!" "Didn't he say nothing about this

"There wa'n't much conversation, sir, hit's a grandson of Tom Carring- | squire. I invited my nevvy to light

> out over the wheel." "Who struck the first blow?" "He did. He struck at me with his

buggy whip." Squire Balaam removed his spec-

tacles and leaned back in his chair. "It's the opinion of this here co't down the river to New Orleans, then | that the whole question of assault rests on whether Bob Yancy saw the order. Bob Yancy swears he didn't and that the trial was today." see it, while Dave Blount swears he showed it to him. If Bob Yancy didn't know of the existence of the order he was clearly actin' on the idea that Blount was stealin' his nevvy, and he done what any one would have done under the circumstances. If, on the of assault, but he was guilty of re-"Who's been a-warrantin' Bob sistin' an officer of the co't." The squire paused impressively. His audi-

ence drew a long breath. "Can a body drap a word here?" cut into the silence.

"Certainly, Uncle Sammy. This

"Well, I'd like to say that I con-"If you gentlemen will let me-" | sider that Fayetteville co't mighty of | slowly. "Might I ask you what parts Fayetteville! We don't interfere with Fayetteville, and blamed if we'll let Fayetteville interfere with us!' There was a murmur of approval. Scratch Hill remembered the rifles in

"The Fayetteville co't air a higher

"I'm aweer of that," snapped the "Air you finished, Uncle Sammy?"

"I 'low I am. But I 'low that if and not listen to no mo' foolishness." "Mr. Yancy will oblige this co't by setting still while I finish this case,"

said the squire with dignity. "Mr. Yancy has sworn to one thing, Mr. air an old family in these parts; Mr. quently," pursued the squire, some- so that I can kiss him!" Yancy swung



## CHAPTER V.

The Encounter.

Betty Malroy had ridden into the squire's yard during the progress of the trial and when Yancy and Hannibal came from the house she beckoned the Scratch Hiller to her.

"You are not going to lose your nephew, are you, Mr. Yancy?" she asked eagerly, when Yancy stood at her side.

"No, ma'am." But his sense of elation was plainly tempered.

"I am very glad. I rode out to the Hill to say good-by to Hannibal and to you, but they said you were here

Captain Murrell, with Crenshaw and the squire, came from the house, and Murrell's swarthy face lit up at sight of the girl. Yancy would have yielded his place, but Betty detained him. "Are you going away, ma'am?" he asked with concern.

"Yes-to my home in west Tennessee," and a cloud crossed her smooth

"But ain't you ever coming back, Miss Betty?" asked Hannibal rather fearfully.

"Oh, I hope so, dear." She turned to get even! What's the charge agin It was Uncle Sammy's thin voice that to Yancy. "I wonder you don't leave the Hill, Mr. Yancy. You could so easily go where Mr. Bladen would here co't will always admire to listen | never find you. Haven't you thought of this?"

"That are a p'int," agreed Yanc,

his grave eyes to hers. "It would really be the sensible thing to do!" said Betty. "I am sure you would like west Tennessee-they say you are a great hunter." Yancy smiled almost guiltily.

"Mr. Yancy, if you should cross the mountains, remember I live near Memphis. Belle Plain is the name of the plantation-it's not hard to find; just don't forget-Belle Plain."

"I won't forget, and mebby you will see us there one of these days, Sho', I've seen mighty little of the worldabout as far as a dog can trot in a couple of hours!"

Betty glanced toward the squire and Mr. Crenshaw. They were standing near the bars that gave entrance to the lane. Murrell had left them and was walking briskly down the road toward Crenshaw's store, where Blount to another. Now the Yancys his horse was tied. She bent down and gave Yancy her slim white hand

"Good-by, Mr. Yancy-lift Hannibal



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Trouble.

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"Yes. He must live in some town whose baseball team is at the tail-

His Opportunity. "Going to Wombat's wedding, over

on the north side?" "Not I. I was engaged to the girl.

Wombat cut me out." "Well, come to the wedding. You may get a chance to biff him in the jaw with an old shoe."

Calculation.

"Going to make garden?" "I dunno," replied the man who always looks discouraged. "I'm busy now liguring up how many tons of lettuce I'll have to raise to pay for the spade and the rake and the rest of

All He Wanted Was Just Plain Eggs. A youth entered one of the "hamand-row" cafes on Grand avenue and ordered eggs. "Up or over?" asked the man behind the counter. "I just want eggs," replied the prospective diner. "But do you want them up or over?" repeated the waiter, and again the guest asserted that he desired "only eggs." The third time the party of the second part insisted on his query, whereupon the patron, with a sigh of despair, said "I guess I'll take

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"She sho'ly is a lady!" said Yancy,

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

The Trouble. "What was the matter concerning the collapse of the official therme

"I don't know, unless somebody took its temperature"